

# Balance Leads Grove Boys to PCL Track Title

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COLUMBUS GROVE – Columbus Grove's boys track and field team used an overall balanced effort Friday night to continue their dominance of the Putnam County League track and field championships.

The Bulldogs scored seven event wins as they placed in every event to run away from the field at the PCL meet Friday night at the Bob Kaple Athletic Complex in Ottoville.

Columbus Grove claimed their 14<sup>th</sup> straight league title finishing the eight team meet with 179 points, Pandora-Gilboa was a distant second with 103 points as Ottoville was third with 98.5 points and Leipsic finished fourth with 91 points.

The Bulldogs depth in most events helped lead them past a very good field of athletes in the meet.

"We knew it was going to be tough. There are a lot of good athletes here, the league has really gotten better and that's good," Grove boys coach Chris Grothaus said. "We got a couple of meet records as well."

"We had Gavin Baxter this week for the first time in a long time (since the first week of the season) and that helped. Bobby (Trenton) Barraza (foot) is out for the year, so having Gavin back to replace him worked out for us."

The two meet records the Bulldogs broke Friday night came in the 4x200 and 4x100 relays, that Gavin Baxter was a part of.

Trevon Baxter, Grant Eversole, Brody McCluer and Gavin Baxter combined to break the PCL record in the 4x100 by a tenth of a second running a 44.10 and they broke the 4x200 relay running a 1:32.95. Both previous records were held by Columbus Grove athletes.

Trevon Baxter had a solid night for Grove winning the 200 meter dash in 23:02 and the pole vault as he cleared 14-0. Levi Bryan won the 1600 meter run in 4:39.53 and Caiden Squillante won the 3200 meter run in 10:57. Eversole won the long jump at 20-5½ and Preston Ellerbrock the high jump at 6-2.

Ottoville's Garrett Trentman was a double winner as he won the 110 hurdles in 14.97 and the 300 hurdles in 38.60 to break the meet record.

"That's a pretty good time, I felt good about it," Trentman said. "I have the school record to chase. I was .01 off that today. There is still room for improvement and getting to state. I was happy with the 38.6, but I'll continue to work and get that time a little lower as state rolls around."

Grant Clementz was a double winner for Continental as he edged Leipsic's Marquis Williams in the 100 meter dash as both ran an 11.61. Clementz's official time was 11.604 and Williams' was 11.608.

Clementz later won the 400 in 50.86 as Williams was second in 51.75. Brady Thomsen won the discus with a 151-0 throw for the Pirates as he broke the Continental school record in the event.

Williams teamed with Diego Baldazo, Carter Benton and Trevor Stuber to finish the meet winning the 4x400 relay in 3:32.45.

Pandora-Gilboa's Simon Gerten, Matthew Maag, Jack Buell and Landen Moore combined to win the 4x800 relay in 8:39.96. Moore later won the 800 run in 2:06.42.

Dylan Siefker won the shot put for Kalida with a throw of 46-8 ½.

## SUMMARY

(1) Columbus Grove 179 (2) Pandora-Gilboa 103 (3) Ottoville 98.5 (4) Leipsic 91 (5) Continental (6) Kalida 62 (7) Fort Jennings (8) Miller City 2

SHOT PUT – Dylan Siefker (K) 46'8½"

DISCUS – Brady Thomsen (C) 151'0"

HIGH JUMP – Preston Ellerbrock (CG) 6'2"

LONG JUMP – Grant Eversole (CG) 20'5½"

POLE VAULT – Trevon Baxter (CG) 14'0"

110 METER HURDLES – Garret Trentman (O) 14.97

\*NR 300 METER HURDLES – Garret Trentman (O) 38.60

100 METER DASH – Grant Clementz (C) 11.61

200 METER DASH – Trevon Baxter (CG) 23.02

400 METER DASH – Grant Clementz (C) 50.86

800 METER RUN – Landen Moore (PG) 2:06.42

1600 METER RUN – Levi Bryan (CG) 4:39.53

3200 METER RUN – Caiden Squillante (CG) 10:00.57

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4x800 METER RELAY – Simon Gerten, Matthew Maag, Jack Buell and Landen Moore (PG) 8:39.96